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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/21/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-23 and 30 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 24-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 and 24-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blecher et al. (US 4395347) in view of Lupien et al. (US 4103685).

Blecher discloses a blood drawing system comprising a first conduit 48 through which blood drawn from a blood vessel can flow, said first conduit having a closure member 70, wherein the closure member of the first conduit is an exteriorly-operable clamp for selectively closing the first conduit at a closure site thereof; a first collection vessel 58 for receiving blood; a hollow-shaft member 68, wherein the hollow shaft member is a needle, a second conduit 54 having a first end in fluid communication with the first conduit and a second end in fluid communication with the first collection vessel; and a third conduit 60 having a first end in communication with the first conduit and a second end in communication with the hollow shaft member, whereby closing the first conduit allows liquid transfer from the first collection vessel through the hollow shaft member upon positive pressure application to the first collection vessel. Blecher does not explicitly disclose using a syringe as the collection vessel, wherein the syringe has an exteriorly-operable pressure controller in the form of a plunger, for application of negative or positive pressure within said syringe.

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Lupien discloses blood drawing system comprising: a first conduit through which blood drawn from a blood vessel can flow, a syringe for receiving blood and having an exteriorly-operable plunger for application of negative or positive pressure within the syringe. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of Lupien, to modify the device of Blecher to use a syringe as the collection vessel when collecting blood from a small child or when a small volume of blood is needed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13-23, and 30 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thor S. Campbell whose telephone number is 703-306-9042. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue-Fri 5:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Pothier can be reached on 703-308-0265. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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